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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER BANDARANAIKE ON COMMUNIST VICTORY IN  
INDOCHINA

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1. ALTHOUGH THEN ACTING PRIME MINISTER MAITHRIPALA  
SENANAYEKE ISSUED STATEMENT APRIL 30 ON COMMUNIST  
VICTORY IN INDOCHINA (COLOMBO 1377), PRESSURE FROM  
LEFT-WING ELEMENTS IN UNITED FRONT CONTINUED FOR  
PUBLIC RALLY FOLLOWING PRIME MINISTER'S RETURN FROM  
ABROAD. UNITED FRONT-SPONSORED "SALUTE TO VICTORY  
OVER IMPERIALISM" IN SOUTH VIET-NAM AND CAMBODIA WAS  
IN CONSEQUENCE HELD JUNE 2.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, PRIME MINISTER BANDA-  
RANAIKE IN HER RALLY SPEECH DREW LESSON THAT  
"NATIONALISM AND PATRIOTISM COULD NOT BE SUPPRESSED  
BY ANY MAJOR POWER." SHE RECALLED SRI LANKA'S LONG-  
STANDING MORAL SUPPORT FOR "VIETNAMESE PEOPLE" AND  
OBSERVED THAT IN INDOCHINA "STRUGGLE OF A SMALL  
COUNTRY TO PRESERVE THEIR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE  
AGAINST ONE OF THE POWERFUL COUNTRIES OF THE  
WORLD" ("CEYLON DAILY MIRROR" VERSION ONLY)

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CONFIRMED THE WISDON OF SRI LANKA'S POLICY OF

"STRICT NON-ALIGNMENT DESPITE VARIOUS PRESSURES."  
SHE CLOSED HER SHORT SPEECH BY CALLING ON "ALL  
SECTIONS" TO DIFSEGARD POLITICAL DIFFERENCES" IF  
ANY POWER TRIED TO UNDERMINE SRI LANKA."

2. COMMENT: PRIME MINISTER'S BRIEF SPEECH WAS  
RELATIVELY MODERATE IN TONE, WITH NO SPECIFIC  
REFERENCE TO EITHER UNITED STATES OR FORMER  
INDOCHINA ALLIES. HER CALL FOR NATIONAL UNITY,  
BRIEF REFERENCE TO BUDDHISTS' ROLE IN SOUTH  
VIET-NAM, AND PITCH FOR NON-ALIGNMENT STANCE  
CAN BE IDENTIFIED MORE EASILY WITH HER OWN SLFP CENTRISTS  
THAN WITH LEFTISTS IN COALITION WHO STAGED-MANAGED  
THE RALLY, AND CONTRASTED SHARPLY WITH MOST SPEECHES  
THAT FOLLOWED (SUCH AS T.B. ILLANGARATNE (SLFP), COLVIN  
R. DE SILVA (LSSP), AND S.A. WICKREMASINGHE  
(CP/M)). MIRROR VERSION WAS MORE PROVOCATIVE THAN  
CEYLON DAILY NEWS (JUNE 2) AND CEYLON OBSERVER  
(JUNE 3).  
VAN HOLLEN

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